# **COFFEE BREAK**

BY LYNN JOHNSTON

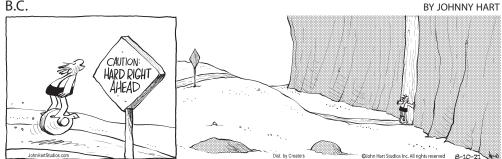
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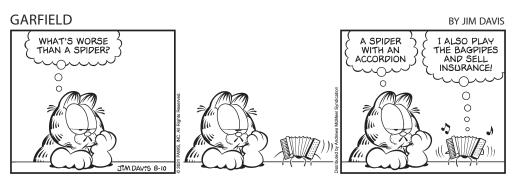
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**BEETLE BAILEY** BY MORT WALKER IT'S TOO HOT OUTSIDE! CAN'T YOU LOUDMOUTH! I WAS WORKING ON MY TAN WEWORK INSIDE2 GREG +MORT WALKER



### **BLONDIE**

I'D LIKE THREE HUH? UHH...WE'D BUT I'VE LIKE NEW HERE....

BY DEAN YOUNG AND STAN DRAKE THIS MUST BE MY DAY

# **DEAR ABBY** Husband's alcoholism now pits him against teenaged son

Dear Abby: Sometimes when my husband, "Tom," drinks he becomes volatile. A month ago, after being out drinking, he came home very late. I made a joke that upset him and he started yelling and calling me names. I have learned that when Tom gets like that, it's best to just agree with him.

On that occasion, it didn't work, and he began breaking things. Our teenage son "Eric" was so scared he called the police. When the police arrived they told my husband who had placed the call and interviewed each of

us separately. After they left, Tom called Eric ugly names, told him he was done with him and hasn't spoken to him since. If they are in the same room, my husband won't look at him or talk to him.

I don't know how to fix this. I worry about how this will affect Eric. He tries to avoid his dad now and goes to his room when he hears his dad come home. — Bad Behavior in Texas

Dear Bad Behavior: Your husband may blame his abusive outbursts on his drinking, but as you can see, he's well aware of what he did after he sobers up. Eric was right to call the police because, after "breaking things," his father could have gone after you.

This unfortunate situation will not improve until Tom faces the fact that he's a problem drinker, swears off the sauce and gets help. By not insisting upon it, you have cast yourself in the role of his enabler. For your sake and Eric's, draw the line. (The healthiest person in your household appears to be your son.)

Talk to Eric. Let him know he did nothing wrong. There are programs for families of alco-



holics that can be accessed by visiting al-anon.org/info. Attending Al-Anon meetings would be beneficial for you and Eric, regardless of what your husband decides about drying out.

Dear Abby: My husband's daughter has "borrowed" money from us on countless occasions when she couldn't pay her bills. She has never made an effort to repay it. She was recently included in someone's will, and the bequest was sizable. Prior to receiving her inheritance, she had asked to borrow money to buy three major

appliances. Because it would be several months until the estate would be settled and it was a large sum that we really couldn't afford to lose, we required her to sign a promissory note. She mailed us a check when her funds arrived, but now she's cut off all communication with us! We have tried to resume normal relations with her to no avail. Should we keep trying? --- Ignored in the East

Dear Ignored: So your husband's daughter is offended because you made her sign a promissory note before handing out (more) money you couldn't afford to lose? In light of the fact that she hasn't repaid you for all the other monies you helped her out with when she needed it, what you did was sensible.

Rather than accept that in the past she has behaved irresponsibly, which is why you asked for the guarantee of repayment, she's blaming you?! Instead of beating your heads against a stone wall trying to have a relationship with your husband's deadbeat daughter, you would be better off biding your time until she once again needs something.

# DAYS GONE BY FROM THE EAST OREGONIAN

100 Years Ago Aug. 10, 1921

The finding of the body of a girl of about 25 years of age with wrist watch bearing the letters "R.G.H." and wearing on the lapel of the coat a pin with the letters "O.R.T." (Order of Railway Telegraphers) establishes without doubt that the body is that of Miss Ruth Hart, Pendleton girl, who was aboard the Alaska at the time it went down. T.F. O'Brien, local O.W.R. & N. agent, received a wire last night telling of the finding of the body and is certain that it is that of Miss Hart, who was for the past seven years employed as operator at the local office. The tanker Oleum arrived today in San Francisco with the body.

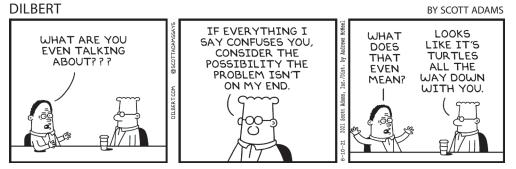
### 50 Years Ago Aug. 10, 1971

A case of bubonic plague was reported today by Umatilla County Health Officer Dr. Alton Alderman. "There is no cause for public concern," said Dr. Alderman. The disease is not communicable from person to person. It is spread by fleas on rodents. The case was discovered rapidly by the attending physician. The young boy suffering from bubonic plague is getting well, said Dr. Alderman. "The government will be sending in a team of men to trap animals and get fleas from them. They won't discover anything they wouldn't have found before the case was reported," he said.

#### 25 Years Ago Aug. 10, 1996

Burn it now. That seems to be the wishes of most folks living near the Umatilla Chemical Depot, according to a survey released today by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality on community attitudes toward the destruction of chemical weapons. Intercept Research Corp., of Tigard, called 300 Hermiston residents, and 100 each from Pendleton and the Tri-Cities, and asked opinions on the proposed chemical weapons incinerator at the depot, where nearly 12 percent of the country's chemical weapons are stored. The survey is good news for proponents of incineration. Area wide, 81 percent of the respondents agreed an incinerator was needed to safety dispose of the stockpile, with 84 percent of Hermiston residents, 72 percent of Pendleton residents, and 81 percent of Tri-Cities residents.









**TODAY IN HISTORY** 

On August 10, 1993, Ruth Bader Ginsburg was sworn in as the second female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1792, during the French Revolution, mobs in Paris attacked the Tuileries Palace, where King Louis XVI resided. (The king was later arrested, put on trial for treason, and executed.)

In 1821, Missouri became the 24th state.

In 1861, Confederate forces routed Union troops in the Battle of Wilson's Creek in Missouri, the first major engagement of the Civil War west of the Mississippi River.

In 1944, during World War II, American forces overcame remaining Japanese resistance on Guam.

In 1945, a day after the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, Imperial Japan conveyed its willingness to surrender provided the status of Emperor Hirohito remained unchanged. (The Allies responded the next day, saying they would determine the Emperor's future status.)

In 1969, Leno and Rosemary LaBianca were murdered in their Los Angeles home by members of Charles Manson's cult, one day after actor Sharon Tate and four other people were slain.

In 1977, postal employee David Berkowitz was arrested in Yonkers, New York, accused of being "Son of Sam," the gunman who killed six people and wounded seven others in the New York City area. (Berkowitz is serving six consecutive 25-years-tolife sentences.)

In 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed a measure providing \$20,000 payments to still-living Japanese-Americans who were interned by their government during World War II.

In 1991, nine Buddhists were found slain at their temple outside Phoenix, Arizona. (Two teenagers were later arrested; one was

sentenced to life in prison, while the other received 281 years.)

In 1995, Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols were charged with 11 counts in the Oklahoma City bombing (McVeigh was convicted of murder and executed; Nichols was convicted of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter and sentenced to life in prison).

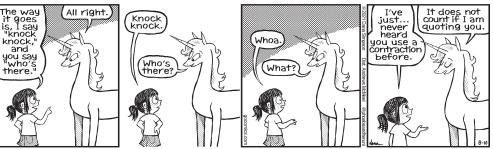
In 2006, British authorities announced they had thwarted a terrorist plot to simultaneously blow up 10 aircraft heading to the U.S. using explosives smuggled in hand luggage.

In 2019, Jeffrey Epstein, accused of orchestrating a sex-trafficking ring and sexually abusing dozens of underage girls, was found unresponsive in his cell at a New York City jail; he was later pronounced dead at a hospital. (The city's medical examiner ruled the death a suicide by hanging.)

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## PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN



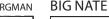
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BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN







BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

BY DANA SIMPSON

